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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment issued on October 31, 2003, Applicants submit the listing of the claims set forth at page 2 of this paper. As well, Applicants' remarks begin at page 7 of this paper.